

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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Publisher's Announcement.

It is a settled point in newspaper ethics that editors and publishers are not responsible for the views of correspondents, and the publication of communication does not mean that the editor or publisher endorses the communication. The COMMONWEALTH adheres to these general principles.

THIS PAPER SOLD.

With this issue THE COMMONWEALTH passes into new hands. By reason of impaired eyesight my inability longer to do newspaper work compels me to retire from it altogether. The paper has been sold to Mr. J. C. Hardy, who after this issue assumes entire control of it. Mr. Hardy is a native of Halifax county and for a number of years has been editor of the Warrenton Record. His success as editor of that paper vouchsafes the same for him as editor of THE COMMONWEALTH. His good experience in newspaper work prepares him well and successfully to conduct the business and editorial departments of this paper.

With a hearty good will I commend him to its readers and believe that they will give him the same co-operation and support which they have given me. When I retired from the active editorship of this paper on the first of last November I gave some expression of my feelings towards its thousands of readers, and I do not deem it necessary to repeat them now. Circumstances have held me connected with the paper from then until now, but today it passes from my hands for good and all. This separation from those who have been my readers and patrons for more than twenty years is inexpressibly painful to me, the poignancy of which not one of them can ever know. With gratitude for favors from all and with apologies for any mistakes of my own through the long stretch of years in which I have tried to serve the public through these columns, I tender this final word of good will and love and turn to other things.

I wish to say that I am not unmindful of the good and faithful service rendered by the printers in this office for the past few years, E. J. Proctor as foreman, W. T. Raspberry and Fred Shute. They have done their work faithfully and well, which I have all the while fully appreciated.

In retiring from this work I wish to express my appreciation for the splendid services rendered the paper and its readers during the past six months by Mr. Ashby W. Dunn as assistant editor. He has fully discharged his duty in his work and has made good the predictions made for him when he entered upon the work. He has splendid newspaper ability and has made many friends wherever the paper circulates.

The crowded condition of work in the office makes it impracticable for Mr. Dunn to furnish any announcement this week. He will make announcement concerning his connection with the paper and his retirement in next issue. It gives me great pleasure to state that all the relations with Mr. Dunn while he has done his work so well as assistant editor have been entirely pleasant and agreeable.

E. E. HILLIARD.

MAINTAIN THE HIGH STANDARD.

It is true that owing to the frailty of human nature very few of us maintain the high standard which many of us preach, still if there is one set of people who more than all others should endeavor to maintain that high standard it is the Members of the Press. They demand much from others, from them much should be demanded.

Some days ago we received a letter from a man in another part of the country who offered to sell to this paper the exclusive right to publish in Halifax county editorial matter that he proposed to furnish from week to week. His offer and his letter were both ignored. Some days later in a paper published in this section of our State the same editorial matter that this man proposed to sell us, appeared, and no credit was given to any one for the article, except the credit that a paper always receives for editorial matter that appears in its columns.

We deplore this willingness on the part of some to receive credit for the product of another's brain, whether bought for publication or clipped and taken for publication.

Lets maintain the high standard.

The Entertainment An Enjoyable Affair.

(Reported to The Commonwealth.) Tuesday evening, June 29th a play was presented at the Graded School building, for the benefit of the monument fund, under the efficient management of Mrs. A. McDowell, knowing the histrionic talent of this manager the public generally knew there was a treat in store for them, and they were not disappointed, the entertainment far exceeded expectations. There was not a dull moment from start to finish.

"A case of Obstinacy" was the first on the program, the parts were well rendered and all deserve special mention. One would have never taken them for amateurs, those taking part were Misses Sallie Baker, Bessie Dunn, Mrs. Lee Savage, Messrs. Leland Kitchin, Henry Clark and Ashby Dunn. The highest compliment that can be paid them is, they forgot themselves and were really the characters they represented.

The next on the program "The Old Maid's Association," was most excellently rendered and brought down the house, Miss Anna Clark deserves special mention in this. She took the leading character, and also trained those taking part. Miss Clark is at home and at ease on the stage. For want of space all the characters cannot be mentioned, but Miss Katherine Kitchin and Mr. Herman Bryan deserve special mention.

Between the acts the audience was delightfully entertained with music, instrumental and vocal, by Misses Louise Futrell and Margaret Allen.

After the entertainment ice cream and cake and lemonade were served to the public for the benefit of the monument fund. The proceeds were, from the play \$37.25; cake and cream \$13.80, total \$51.05. This fund is in charge of Mrs. McDowell and we trust there are many such treats as we enjoyed on the evening of the 29th, in store for us.

The Public Invited.

The Buck Kitchen Camp of Confederate Veterans cordially invites the Daughters of the Confederacy, Junior Daughters and the public generally to a meeting to be held in the Graded School Auditorium Thursday, June 1 at 3 o'clock, at which time Mr. Ashby W. Dunn will deliver an address on the Confederate Soldier.

The Camp will meet at its Hall promptly at two o'clock to attend to whatever business may come up.

W. F. BUTTERWORTH, Commander.

ISAAC H. SMITH, Adjutant.

L. Y. L. Rally.

There will be an L. Y. L. Rally at the school house in Hobgood, Saturday, July 3rd, 1909. A program appropriate for celebrating the 4th of July will be rendered.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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News From Halifax.

A party composed of the following left here Monday morning for Washington, D. C.: Messrs. E. N. Sater, W. B. Drewry, Mrs. T. O. Vaughan, Misses Rebe Ousby, Virgie Butts, and Francis Drewry. The party will be gone several days.

Miss Urtie Daniel, who has been visiting friends for the last two months in Albemarle, Raleigh, and Warrenton, has returned home.

Miss Helen Daniel will leave in a few days to visit friends in Raleigh and other places.

Edward Whitehead, of Littleton, was here a day or two last week on his way to Richmond.

Miss Susie Mountcastle left for her home in Lynchburg, Va., a few days ago.

Mr. Albion Dunn, of Scotland Neck, was a visitor here a few days ago.

Miss Lucy Butts is visiting in Weldon and Rosemary this week.

Hon. E. L. Travis went up to Raleigh Sunday on legal business.

Joe McMahon is off on a pleasure trip to Norfolk, Richmond and Washington.

Mrs. I. G. Shaw, Mrs. D. M. Campbell Miss Lucy Butts, Mr. Campbell and Mildred went to Norfolk last Friday.

Miss Florence Fenner went down to Mount Olive last Friday to visit Mrs. E. N. Ricks.

Enfield and Halifax played a game of ball here last Thursday resulting in a score of 5 to 2 in favor of Halifax.

At Enfield Friday there was another game, the result being 8 to 1 in our favor. Our boys expect to have another game next week.

W. F. COPPEDGE.

Death of Miss Cornelia Vick.

Cor. to The Commonwealth.

Halifax, N. C., June 28. The remains of Miss Cornelia Vick were brought up from Florence, S. C., on last Thursday and taken out to the J. E. Fleming place, about two miles from town, and placed away beside her loved ones, there to await the resurrection morn. Miss Vick was 23 years of age, and went to South Carolina from Halifax county some two or three years ago. She was a young lady of charming personality and lovely Christian character, possessing in a very large degree those qualifications that go far toward making life beautiful and sunny for those around her. She had been a consistent member of the church since early childhood, and lived up to its privileges and requirements as nearly as she could.

Miss Vick was the youngest daughter of Mr. William Vick, who came to Halifax from Edgecombe county quite a number of years ago. The mother and father preceded her to the grave some years since. There are four sisters left, Mrs. Robert Pittman, Mrs. Jones and Miss Minnie Vick, of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Howard Thorne, of Florence, S. C., and three brothers, Messrs. Dorsey Vick, of Rocky Mount, Thad Vick, of Glenview, and Seth Vick, of Enfield. The following young men accompanied the remains to Halifax as pallbearers: Messrs. R. H. Clanghan, L. W. Fuller, B. G. Garner, H. H. Parker, J. H. Johnston, and L. L. Crumpler, all of Florence, S. C.

Miss Oldham's Recital.

Last Friday night Miss Sallie Pickett Oldham, of Wilmington, who recently graduated in elocution from the Baptist University for Women (now Meredith College) gave a dramatic recital of Charles Klein's "The Lion and the Mouse" in the auditorium of the Graded School building.

Miss Oldham during her stay at the University gave a number of successful recitals in many of Raleigh's neighboring towns where she won merited popularity as a splendid and talented reader. People in Scotland Neck remember pleasantly the recital she gave here last summer.

Owing to the threatening weather the audience Friday night was much smaller than it would have been had the weather been better, but those who heard Miss Oldham were highly pleased with her recital. The play which she recited was a most interesting and entertaining one, and the characters which she impersonated were so well defined that even those who had not read the play followed every incident which it detailed.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF PLANTERS AND COMMERCIAL BANK

At Scotland Neck, N. C., at the close of business June 23, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$90,829.04
Overdrafts.....	1,943.36
Furniture and fixtures.....	2,508.90
Due from banks and bankers.....	15,544.98
Cash items.....	233.88
Cash in vault.....	5,728.87
Total.....	\$116,809.87

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock.....	\$15,000.00
Undivided profits, etc.....	1,092.29
Time certificates of deposit.....	2,881.43
Deposits subject to check.....	67,746.76
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	68.58
Total.....	\$116,809.87

State of North Carolina) ss.
County of Halifax)
I, O. J. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

O. J. MOORE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28 day of June, 1909.

J. E. SHIELDS,
Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: S. A. Dunn, C. Speed, Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Scotland Neck Bank

At Scotland Neck, N. C., at the close of business June 23, 1909.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$102,652.96
Overdrafts.....	1,083.48
Stocks, Bonds, etc.....	8,000.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	1,025.00
Due from banks and bankers.....	30,208.45
Cash items.....	24.82
Silver coin.....	713.16
National bank notes, etc.....	3,102.00
Total.....	\$146,809.87

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock.....	\$25,000.00
Undivided profits, etc.....	8,281.32
Dividends unpaid.....	21.00
Bills payable.....	45,000.00
Time certificates of deposit.....	16,209.62
Deposits subject to check.....	50,776.18
Cashier's checks outstanding.....	59.00
Reserve Interest.....	1,000.00
Bond tax.....	112.50
Reserve Taxes.....	257.25
Total.....	\$146,809.87

State of North Carolina) ss.
County of Halifax)
I, Frank P. Shields, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK P. SHIELDS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 29 day of June, 1909.

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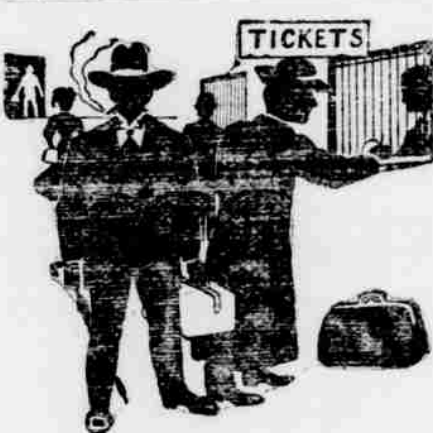
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